

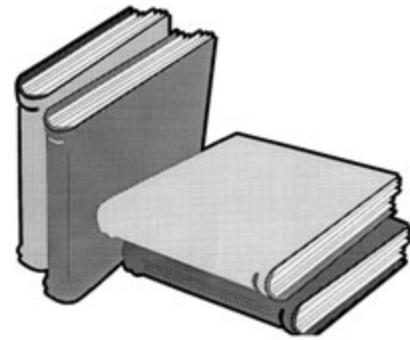
# The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,  
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

Selections from the Christian's heritage in print,

collected by Dean Brown



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## **I Shall Not Die, but Live. 3. I Did Not Give Up My Love for the Old Writers.**

The summer of 1967 saw some **consolidation of my new faith and knowledge**. I helped on seaside missions and did a lot of reading. I began to discover my Christian heritage and to love and appreciate men like Rutherford and the Covenanters, as well as the preachers of the eighteenth-century revival ...

I soon began to attend the Free Church [Presbyterian, of Scotland] in Ayr, which was a blessing to me. I needed this time of stabilization, because a trial was coming which I did not see till it was already upon me.

My Calvinistic friend talked to me about a preacher from England who was due to come to Glasgow for a series of meetings in 1967 [age 19]. I was very impressed by him. I thought, wrongly, that he was like a present-day Spurgeon or Whitefield. ...

During this time **I met my dear wife Di**, and we had four of our six children. Also by the grace of God **I did not give up my love of the old writers**, despite the fact **that the Banner of Truth Trust and men like Spurgeon and Ryle were bitterly derided**.

I worked for three years in London (1970-73 [age 22-5] and enjoyed exploring places like Moorfields, Bunhill Fields, and Wesley's Chapel in City Road. In 1970 I heard **Dr Lloyd-Jones** for the first and only time. He spoke to mark the bicentenary of the death of Whitefield. For the remainder of my time in England, **my place of work was High Wycombe [ask Hartzells]**—much nearer home, but less time for reading during the shorter commute.

Douglas Taylor (1948-2014), *I Shall Not Die, but Live*. BoT 2016.  
The title of this book and the name of the blog from which most of the book is taken, 'Works Worth Declaring', come from Ps 118:17, *'I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord*.

**To Be Continued.**